

25X1

Front Edit Other
Page Page

Approved For Release 2004/12/15 : CIA-RDP75-00149R000700610005-6

NEW ORLEANS, LA.
TIMES-PICAYUNE

MORNING 194,758
SUNDAY 313,181

APR 19 1962

Costa Rica Editor Warns of Soviet Union Advance

Press Seminar Told of Three Factors

The former president of Costa Rica warned here Wednesday that, if a third world war is unleashed, the United States will find itself surrounded by enemies on American soil.

In an address at the closing session of the Pan-American Press Seminar, Utilio Ulate charged that the influence of the Soviet Union is replacing that of the United States in the Western Hemisphere and that three factors are responsible.

Factors responsible, said the editor of Diario de Costa Rica, include:

1. The press, and he specifically mentioned the New York Times.

2. The state department.

3. The professional revolutionaries.

Ulate charged that "the continental press has blown up the figure of Fidel Castro, helping to place him on the world scene and attracting university groups and large masses of semi-literate people to him."

"The New York Times, which

has great influence over Latin American thought, in 1953 defended the regime of Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala," he added. "And, since 1959, it has defended the regime of Fidel Castro, even after he had shown his Marxist philosophy. In both cases it was done with the theory that social reformers should not be ridiculed as Communists."

State Department Policy Attacked

Ulate said the state department's economic support is directed in favor of countries governed by parties sympathetic to the Fidel Castro regime. This, he added, is discouraging to the democratic governments of Latin America who naturally feel cheated.

Calling for a complete revision of the United States international policy in Latin America, the speaker recalled how three months after Castro took over in Cuba the CIA, the Pentagon and the FBI all warned that Cuba had fallen into Communists' hands.

He added:

"Two of the highest officials



TAKING PART in Wednesday's session of the Pan-American Press Seminar at International House are (from left) Francisco Tourrelles, co-owner of radio station El Clarin, Montevideo, Uruguay; George Fenin, president, Foreign Relations Association; Dr.

Milton Ochsner, president, International House; Richard G. Valeriani, National Broadcasting Company, Miami, Fla., and Paul A. Fabry, managing director, International House.

in the diplomatic service, Robert C. Hill and Whitin Willauer at that time ambassadors to Mexico and Costa Rica, respectively, spent all their efforts trying to convince Washington of the Communist danger involved. They tried to alert the state department but without success."

Ulate said the United Nations and the Organization of American States are presently in crisis because of the Soviet advance. He said that Russia believes Marxist revolutions are ready in Ecuador, Brazil, Santo Domingo and other countries of the Western Hemisphere; that Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Bolivia are in serious danger of falling into communism.

The speaker said in Argentina, the Peronist victory involves the risk of a return to a totalitarian governmental regime similar to communism. In Chile, the Communists who lost the last election by a slight margin of votes, united with the Socialists and other groups and have a chance of winning the 1964 elections, he added.

Ulate said Bolivia declared openly in favor of Cuba at the Punta del Este conference and that the Nationalist Revolutionary movement, which has governed the country since 1952, is permanently tied in to Marxism.

Arbenz Would Return, Is View

Turning to a discussion of Guatemala, the speaker said the same United States which in 1954